

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a 6-chloro-2,5-dicarbonamido phenol compound comprising the step of chlorinating a 2-alkyl-6-aminobenzoxazole in an ethyl acetate solvent to form a 2-alkyl-6-amino-7-chlorobenzoxazole in which the 2-alkyl group is unbranched at the α carbon.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1 ~~2~~ in which the chlorination is accomplished using sulfuryl chloride.
4. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1 ~~2~~ in which the chlorination is accomplished using N-chlorosuccinimide.
5. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the alkyl group is a normal alkyl group.
6. (Original) The process of claim 5 wherein the alkyl group is a methyl group.
7. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1 comprising the further subsequent step of reacting the ~~6-amino group~~ 2-alkyl-6-amino-7-chlorobenzoxazole in which the 2-alkyl group is unbranched at the α carbon of claim 1 with an acid chloride in the presence of a base to convert the first amine to an amino carbonyl substituent.
8. (Original) The process of claim 7 comprising the further subsequent step of subjecting the 2-alkyl-6-amino-7-chlorobenzoxazole to acid hydrolysis to unblock the phenol in the presence of an acid to form a second amine substituent in the 2-position of the phenol.

9. (Original) The process of claim 8 comprising the still further subsequent step of reacting the second amine group with an acid chloride in the presence of a base to convert the second amine to an amino carbonyl substituent.

10. (Original) A 2-alkyl-6-amino-7-chlorobenzoxazole compound.

11. (Original) The compound of claim 10 in which the 2-alkyl group is unbranched at the α carbon.

12. (Original) The compound of claim 11 wherein the alkyl group is a normal alkyl group.

13. (Original) The compound of claim 12 wherein the alkyl group is a methyl group.

14. (Original) The compound of claim 10 comprising a carbonylamino group in the 6-position of the benzoxazole ring.

15. (Original) The compound of claim 14 wherein the carbonylamino group is a phenylsulfonylmethylcarbonamido group.

16. (Original) A 2-amino-5-aminocarbonyl-6-chlorophenol compound.

17. (Original) The compound of claim 16 wherein the 5-aminocarbonyl group contains at least 8 aliphatic carbon atoms.

18. (Original) The compound of claim 16 comprising a carbonylamino group in the 2-position of the phenol.

19. (Original) The compound of claim 18 wherein the carbonylamino group in the 2-position of the phenol contains at least 8 aliphatic carbon atoms.